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SUBJ: SPACE COOPERATION - LAUNCHING SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS

- 1. YAMANO, STA, INFORMALLY PROVIDED SCICOUNS YESTERDAY WITH STA VIEWS ON EXCHANGE OF GOVERNMENTAL NOTES AND MOU FOR LAUNCH SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS. THESE VIEWS ARE BEING TRANSMITTED VIA FONOFF TO JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON FOR OFFICIAL PRESENTATION TO DEPARTMENT.
- 2. RE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, YAMANO STATED STA IS SATISFIED WITH CHANGES PROPOSED BY DEPT IN VOGT'S LETTER TO UCHIDA OF FEBRUARY 18, 1975. STA ALSO SATISFIED WITH RETENTION OF PHRASE "ON BEHALF OF THE GOJ" IN FIRST PARAGRAPH OF NOTE, BUT FONOFF TREATY DIVISION STILL REVIEWING THIS LANGUAGE FROM LEGAL STANDPOINT. GOJ UNDERSTANDS THAT US LAUNCH SERVICE POLICY AUTHORIZES PROVISION OF SERVICES TO TOERH COUNTRIES OR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THAT LANGUAGE MAKING CLEAR GOVERNMENTAL NATURE OF THE JAPANESE APPLICATION SATELLITE PROGRAMS IS THEREFORE ESSENTIAL. FONOFF CONSIDERING SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES ON "ON BEHALF OF GOJ," INCLUDING:

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B. FOR GOJ

C. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SPACE PROGRAM OF GOJ SCICOUNS REITERATED THAT BEST APPROACH WOULD BE RETENTION OF EXISTING LANGUAGE.

3. GOJ WILL SUGGEST FOLLOWING MODIFIED LANGUAGE FOR FIRST SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF MOU, AS DISCUSSED WITH NASA CONTACT NEGOTIATING TEAM DURING RECENT TOKYO VISIT: "STA AND NASA SET FORTH IN THIS MOU THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS TO BE OBSERVED BY STA AND NASA AND ALSO SET FORTH IN THE ATTCHED ANNEX THE GENERAL UNDERSTANDINGS AGREED BY STA AND NASA TO BE OBSERVED BY NASDA ON THE ONE SIDE AND NASA ON THE OTHER SIDE".

4. YAMANO BELIEVES NASA'S NEW THIRD-PARTY LIABILITY POLICY WILL BE ACCEPTABLE, PROVIDED A) THAT NEW POLICY, I.E. REQUIREMENT THAT GOJ COVER LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF NASA ACTS, IS REFLECTED IN LAUNCH SERVICE CONTRACTS AND NOT IN MOU; AND B) THAT LIABILITY ARISING OUT OF INTENTIONAL ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF NASA AND ITS EMPLOYEES BE OMITTED FROM POLICY. YAMANO ALSO REQUESTED THAT WE SUPPLY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE ANY PRECEDENTS OR EXAMPLES OF THIS POLICY EITHER IN EXISTING LAUNCH SERVICE CONTRACTS OR EXISTING MOU'S.

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